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Applicant is aware of the following references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and encloses copies thereof.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>PATENT/APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INVENTOR</u>
US 4,776,939	October 11, 1988	Horst Bläsing et al.
US 4,752,371	June 21, 1988	Rudolf Kreisel et al.
US 6,186,316	February 13, 2001	Jacques Denis

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<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TRANSLATION</u>
JP 2000 199099A	July 18, 2000	Japan	(Abstract)
JP 62 222081A	Sept. 30, 1987	Japan	(Abstract)
EP 1 384 798 A	Jan. 28, 2004	Europe	Yes
JP 59 220993A	Dec. 12, 1984	Japan	No
DE 42 43 252A1	July 22, 1993	Germany	No
DE 100 43 817A1	April 4, 2002	Germany	(Abstract)
DE 100 43 815A1	April 4, 2002	Germany	(Abstract)
DE 41 32 418 C1	Feb. 11 1993	Germany	(Abstract)
DE 36 24 481A1	Jan. 28, 1988	Germany	Yes
DE 36 45 319C2	Jan. 28, 1988	Germany	Yes

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner in this patent application and made of record therein.

The relevance of DE 42 43 252, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract submitted here with, and is listed on the corresponding International Search Report as a category "A" document.

The relevance of DE 100 43 817, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English language abstract submitted herewith, and in the specification at p. 4, line 24 – p. 5, line 17; p. 9, line 31 – p. 10, line 19; and p. 16 lines 11 – 13.

The relevance of DE 100 43 815, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English language abstract enclosed herewith, and is discussed in the specification at p. 3, line 21 – p. 4, line 22.

The relevance of DE 41 32 418, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English language abstract, and is discussed in the specification at p. 2, line 31 – p. 2, line 28; p. 22, lines 16 -22.

The relevance of DE 36 24 481 and DE 36 45 319, which are not in the English language, is set forth in the corresponding U.S. family patent 4,776,939 which is submitted herewith.

The relevance of the Japanese patent document no. 2000-199099, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English language abstract and it is further noted that this document is listed on the corresponding International Search Report as a category "X" document and is discussed in the International Preliminary Examination Report (also enclosed herewith) as disclosing a 2-piece electroplating jig with multiple contact strips spaced evenly about its circumference.

The relevance of the Japanese patent document no. 62-222081, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English language abstract and it is further noted that this document is listed on the corresponding International Search Report as a category "X" document and is discussed in the International Preliminary Examination Report (also

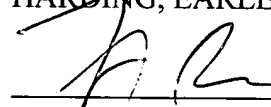
enclosed herewith) as disclosing in "Figures 8 and 9 elongated contact strips 7A, B and 8, respectively", and because the report further contends that "[t]he 2-piece frame is hinged at the bottom".

The relevance of JP 59-220993, which is not in the English language, is that this document was cited in the International Search Report as a category "A" document.

If the Examiner requires further information regarding any of the references the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants undersigned representative.

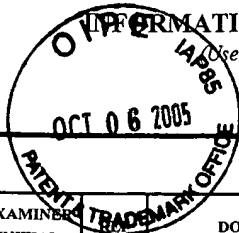
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